

News Release

Interviews with Candidates for UMC Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Set for Week of August 14, 2006

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CROOKSTON, MN (August 9, 2006) – Four candidates have been invited to interview for the position of senior vice chancellor of academic and student affairs at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). The interviews take place August 14-17, 2006, with a full schedule of day-long interviews and meetings with campus and community members. Each candidate is visiting on a given day next week, as listed below. Community members are invited to meet the candidates during the open receptions held Monday through Thursday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. in the Student Center Prairie Lounge on campus.

The senior vice chancellor of academic and student affairs for the University of Minnesota, Crookston will provide leadership for academic planning, program development, faculty development, accreditation, and assessment; support faculty in pursuit of research activities; sustain a comprehensive portfolio of student services that enhance student achievement resulting in graduation; and foster a positive campus climate, a diverse faculty, staff, and administration within academic and student affairs.

Department head and agriculture professor Ron Del Vecchio, chair of the search committee,announced interviews with the following candidates for the position:



August 14 – Dr. Nancy Ridenour currently serves as dean and professor at the Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill. Along with her responsibilities as dean, she has worked as a consultant for several international programs with universities in China, Cuba, India, and Jordan. Ridenour received her doctorate from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Tex., in human development and family studies.



August 15 – Dr. James O'Donnell is the dean and professor of music at the School of Arts and Humanities at Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb. As the dean, he is responsible for all aspects of the school, including budgets, personnel evaluations, creating and implementing school-wide initiatives, and providing leadership for implementation of college-wide initiatives. O'Donnell received his doctor of arts degree from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.



August 16 – Dr. William R. Trumble is currently the dean in the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. He also serves as director of the New Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station and is a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology. Trumblegraduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas (Southwestern Medical School) where he received his doctorate in medical physiology.



August 17 – Dr. Thomas Baldwin is a full professor of vocational-technical education at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan., and former dean of the College of Technology and director of the Kansas Technology Center at Pittsburg State where he served from May 1996 to July 2006. He has experience in economic development, fundraising, and supervised the building of a \$30 million technology center. Baldwin holds a doctorate in industrial education from Texas A & M University in College Station, Tex. Community leaders will be meeting with a different candidate each day through Thursday from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. at the Northland Inn in Crookston. The social will give officials and administrators from the city, school district as well as business representatives the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about each candidate.

For more information on the schedule of events and other open forum opportunities, visitwww.UMCrookston.edu. The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) delivers more than 24 different undergraduate degree programs in agriculture; arts, humanities, and social sciences; business; math, science, and technology; and natural resources. UMC offers prestigious U of M degrees in an affordable, private campus setting and is dedicated to helping students and the region aim higher, reach further, and dream big dreams. To learn more, visit www.UMCrookston.edu.

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